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Copies of the listed documents are attached.

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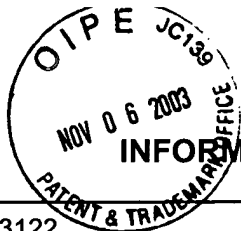
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	6,317,198	11/13/01	Sato et al.			
	6,048,651	4/11/00	Brunner et al.			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	Kirk et al., "Pupil Illumination; in situ measurement of partial coherence," SPIE, 3334:281-288

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